Networks of intergenic long-range enhancers and SNP-RNAs driving castration-resistant phenotype of human prostate cancer

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Transcriptome analysis using high-density tiling arrays demonstrated that vast majority of transcripts in human cells is represented by non-coding RNAs, biogenesis and functional significance of which remain obscure (1-7). Whole-genome transcript mapping studies of H. sapiens discovered a genome-scale highly efficient, pervasive transcription of introns and intergenic sequences and documented presence of promoter-associated short RNAs (PASR) and termini-associated short RNAs (TASR: ref. 1-7). Deep sequencing analysis of small RNAs (<200 nucleotides) from human cells revealed that post-transcriptional processing generates a remarkably diverse family of small non-coding RNAs (8). Fine mapping of transcriptional products originated from active promoters of protein-coding genes by RNA polymerase II (RNAPII) identified a population of small non-coding RNAs of 20 to 90 nucleotides in length termed transcription start site-associated RNAs (TSSa-RNAs; ref. 9). This widespread divergent bidirectional transcription at promoters of protein-coding genes may help to maintain a "competence" state of promoter regions poised for subsequent regulation (9). Consistent with the regulatory role of non-coding RNAs, it has been shown that RNAPII transcription of ncRNAs is required for chromatin remodeling at the fission yeast Schizosaccharomyces pombe fbp1(+) locus during transcriptional activation, which indicates that active transcription through the promoter-associated non-coding regions is required to make promoter sequences accessible to RNAPII and transcriptional activators (10).

Recent significant progress in our knowledge of genetic traits which are associated with increased risk of developing multiple human disorders is driven by combined application of intellectual expertise as well as methodological and conceptual principles of genomics and molecular epidemiology to large-scale genome-wide association studies (GWAS) of SNP variations (reviewed in 11-16). A dominant mechanistic approach is based on considerations of the potential effects of SNP variations on protein-coding genes within or near boundaries of which the genetic variants are located. This protein-centric strategy was recently extended to consider the SNP variants residing within boundaries of genes encoding microRNAs and SNPs within microRNA-target sites in mRNAs (reviewed in 11-16). One of notable common outcomes of GWAS is that many disease-linked SNPs identified to date are located within introns or non-genic regions of human genomes which have no direct relations to known protein-coding sequences or microRNA genes. These data suggest that noncanonical mechanisms of phenotype-altering effects of genetic variations may be relevant. A disease phenocode hypothesis has been articulated that is stating that intergenic DNA sequence variations associated with multiple common human disorders may affect phenotypes in trans via non-protein-coding SNP sequence-bearing RNA intermediaries (11-14).

Using microarray expression profiling of all known PCGs and microRNA genes, RNA interference (RNAi) and gene transfer approaches, we are dissecting the molecular anatomy and biological consequences of the epigenetic regulatory cross-talk between transRNAs and microRNAs. We identified a set of 4 "stemness" microRNAs (mir-20b; miR-375; miR-205; miR-486) which are up-regulated in the following experimental and clinical samples: normal human cells engineered to constitutively express *NALP1*-locus autoimmunity transRNAs, human embryonic stem cells, bloodborne human prostate carcinoma (PC) metastasis precursor cells, clinical PC samples, human PC cell lines selected for increased malignant potential in vivo. We documented altered expression patterns of cancer predisposition (CP) transRNAs in cell lines genetically engineered to stably express selected "stemness" microRNAs and in human cells engineered to constitutively express *NALP1*-locus autoimmunity transRNAs (Supplemental Figure 3).

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Supplemental Materials and Methods

Disease associated SNP meta-analysis and mapping of genomic coordinates

Primary data sets of SNPs for meta-analysis of genomic coordinates of SNP variations identified in genome-wide association studies (GWAS) of up to 712,253 samples comprising 221,158 disease cases, 322,862 controls, and 168,233 case/control subjects of obesity GWAS were obtained from previously published studies (References in online Supplement). Mapping of the SNP genomic coordinates was performed based on the NCBI release of Human Genome Build 36.3 (reference assembly). Genomic coordinates of the human K4-K36 domains and human lincRNAs are available in the online Supplement data set (7). Genomic coordinates and gene names of the human bivalent domain genes were obtained from the recently published study (8).

Human BJ1, RWPE1, HME1, U937, and THP-1 cell lines were obtained from ATCC. hTERT-immortalized BJ1 cells were previously described (1).

Tumor Cell Xenografts. Sub-confluent monolayers of control LNCaP or LNCaP-P1 cells were trypsinized and counted, then resuspended in RPMI-1640 medium with 25% charcoal-dextran stripped-fetal bovine serum (CDS-FBS) and 50% (vol/vol) 2 X Matrigel (Millipore, Inc., Billerica, MA). Aliquots (250 µls) containing 10⁶ cells were then injected subcutaneously in the flanks of 8-week male NCR Nu/Nu mice (Taconic, Inc.) that had been surgically castrated 10 days prior through a scrotal incision under anesthesia or sham-castrated involving the scrotal incision without removal of the testis. Tumor size was estimated from largest diameter (a), smallest diameter (b) and height (c) measurements with calipers with tumor volume calculated using the formula V = $\pi/6$ x a x b x c (Dethlefsen, LA, Prewitt, JMS, Mendelsohn, ML Analysis of tumor growth curves, J Natl Cancer Inst, 40: 389-405, 1968). Mice were euthanized at the end of the experiments and tumors were surgically recovered.

Microarray gene expression analysis

Technical and analytical aspects as well as stringent QC and statistical protocols of gene expression analysis experiments was carried-out essentially as described in our published work (2-6). Briefly, the array hybridization and processing, data retrieval and analysis was carried out using standard sets of the Affymetrix equipment, software, and protocols in state-of-the-art Affymetrix microarray core facility. RNA was extracted from cell cultures of two independent biological replicates of each experimental condition and analyzed for sample purity and integrity using BioAnalyzer (Agilent). Expression analysis of 54,675 transcripts was carried out for each sample in duplicates using Affymetrix HG-U133A Plus 2.0 arrays. Data retrieval and analysis was performed using MAS5.0 software and concordant changes of gene expression for each experimental condition were determined at the statistical threshold p value < 0.05 (two-tailed T-test). All microarray analysis data are publicly available coincidently with the date of publication.

microRNA isolation and activity analysis.

microRNA was extracted from adherent cells lysed on culture plates using the *mir*Vana miRNA Isolation kit (Ambion). Homogenized cell lysates were frozen at -80 °C for at least 24 hours prior to microRNA purification. miRNA concentration was checked using

a NanoDrop (Thermo Scientific) before checking quality on a Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies).

To assay the activity of microRNAs in transfected cells we used a miRNA Luciferase Reporter Vector (Signosis) specific for microRNA of interest. The target site sequence of the reporter vector is complementary to the miRNA, therefore a decrease in luciferase signal would indicate an increase in microRNA activity. Cells were transfected with the reporter vector using FuGENE 6 Transfection Reagent (Roche); the transfection was allowed to run 48 hours before the cells were lysed using Luciferase Cell Culture Lysis Reagent (Promega). The lysates were read using the FLUOstar OPTIMA system (BMG Lab Technologies), with 20 micro liters of Luciferase Assay Reagent (Promega) injected into each well immediately prior to reading.

miRNA expression analysis.

To analyze a spectrum of miRNA activity in the infected cell lines, we performed qPCR using the TaqMan Human MicroRNA Array v1.0 (Applied Biosystems) run on the 7900HT Fast Real-Time PCR System, fitted with the specific block to run 384-well TaqMan Low Density Arrays (Applied Biosystems). This TaqMan array is distributed on a micro fluidics card, which allows for high reproducibility with minimal error. The array contains 365 different human miRNA assays and two small nucleolar RNAs that function as endogenous controls for data normalization. All miRNA samples were analyzed for quality control and processed at the Functional Genomics Core of the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. We used the SDS 2.2 software, the platform for the computer interface with the 7900HT PCR System, to generate normalized data, compare samples, and calculate RQ.

Cell Staining and Flow Cytometry

Cells were stained at a concentration of 1X 10⁶ cells per 100 ul of HBSS with 2% HICS. Antibodies at appropriate dilutions (CD14-Pacific Blue, Biolegend, Inc; and CD11b-Alexa Fluor® 647, Biolegend, Inc) were added. Staining duration was for 30min with rotation at 4°C. Cells were then washed with staining medium three times and resuspended in staining medium. The stained specimens were then analyzed using FACSVantage (BD Biosciences, San Diego, CA; http://www.bdbiosciences.com) or FACSAria with either Diva or CellQuest software (BD Biosciences). The cell counter of the flow cytometers was used to determine cell numbers. Cells were collected into HBSS with 2% HICS.

Induced Differentiation of U937 and THP-1 cells

Approximately $2x10^6$ U937 or THP-1 cells ($5x10^5$ cells/ml) in a 25 cm flask were induced to differentiate by treatment with 20 uM PMA (Sigma-Aldrich) for 4 days.

Lentivirus Production and Generation of stably transfected BJ1, U937, RWPE1, LNCap, and THP-1 cells

Allele-specific sense and anti-sense variants of the rs2670660 sequence of 52 nt in length (Figure 1A; nucleotide sequence shown in shaded box) were chemically synthesized and cloned sequentially into pUC57 plasmid by EcoRV (GeneScript Corporation) and pCDH-CMV-MCS-EF1-copGFP plasmid by EcoRI and Notl (SystemsBio). The integrity and molecular identity of the synthetic sequences as well as designed plasmid vectors were monitored by restriction enzyme mapping analysis and direct sequencing. Lentiviruses were generated by co-transfecting pLentiviral vector

with GFP only plasmids (control cultures) or GFP plasmids with synthetic allele-specific 52 nt sequences of the SNP rs2670660 as shown in Figure 1 (see Ref. 4 and Supplemental Material for additional information) and packaging mix (Invitrogen) into 293FT cells using Lipofectamine 2000 according to the manufacturer's instructions (Invitrogen), and then target cells were infected with viral supernatant for 24hr. Flow cytometry analysis for GFP expression were performed to confirm the infection and assess the transfection efficiency. Experiments were carried out using cultures with transfection efficiency > 90%.

Luciferase reporter assays

Luciferase reported assays were carried-out to identify allele-specific features of SNPbearing RNA and DNA sequences. Enhancer/insulator activities of the 2 kb intergenic DNA sequence containing distinct allelic variants of the rs2670660 NLRP1-locus SNP. Luciferase reporter assays to assess the enhancer activity of 2 kb NALP1-locus intergenic region was carried out in RWPE1 and HEK293 cells transiently expressing either control luciferase reporter plasmids or plasmids containing chemically synthesized 2 kb sequences flanking distinct allelic variants of the *NLRP1*-locus intergenic SNP rs2670660, which is positioned exactly in the middle of the enhancer's sequence. Because allelic differences in the luciferase reporter assays tend to be modest, measurements were controlled by multiple replications of all experimental elements of the enhancer assay. We considered the possibility of multiple levels of variations, including plasmid preps, transfection replicates (along with transfection efficiency measurements, such as using the Renilla lucferase co-transfection controls for normalization). At least three independent experiments were carried out for each setting and three replicates of the luciferase assay were performed in each experiment. Results were validated using at least two independent plasmid preps to control for this potentially significant source of variation.

Colony Growth Assay

Cells from sub-confluent cultures (~ 70% confluence) were seeded in triplicates into 6well plates (100 cells per well), cultured for 2 weeks, and then stained with 0.1% crystal violet for 5 min. Plates were scanned and number of colonies containing > 50 cells was counted.

Protocols for identification of endogenous trans-regulatory small RNAs encoded by the SNP rs2670660

- 1. Extract small RNA from cells using mirVana isolation kit. (protocol A)
- 2. Detect if there is DNA contamination by performing PCR using extracted RNA as template and β -actin as primer. (*protocol B*)
- 3. Synthesize cDNA from small RNA extracted. (protocol C)
- 4. Perform first PCR using primer set 2 (GC2F and GC2R). (protocol B)
- 5. Clean up PCR product and evaluate cleanup PCR product on 1.2% gel. (protocol D)
- Perform nested PCR using cleanup first PCR product as template and primer set 1 (GC1F and GC1R) and evaluate nested PCR product on 1.2% gel. (protocol B)
- 7. Cut the DNA band of interest from the gel, extract and purify the DNA for further sequencing analysis. *(protocol E)*

APPENDIX

Protocol A: Extract small RNA from cells using mirVana isolation kit, AB #1560, 1561

Cell lysis and homogenization

- 1. Collect culture medium containing cells and spin cells down. Aspirate the culture medium and wash the cells with 4 ml PBS. Spin cells down again.
- 2. Add 600 µl Lysis/Binding solution and resuspend cell pellet by pipetting up and down.
- 3. Add 1/10 volume (60 μl) of miRNA Homogenate Additive to the cell lysate, mix well by vortexing and leave it on ice for 10 min. keep at -80°C overnight.
- Starting number of cells: 5×10^6 cells.

Organic extraction

- 4. Add a volume of Acid-Phenol:Chloroform (equal to the cell lysate before adding Additive).
 - Be sure to withdraw from the bottom phase in the bottle of Acid-Phenol:Chloroform.
- 5. Vortex for 30-60 sec to mix and then centrifuge for 5 min at 10,000 ×g at RT to separate the aqueous and organic phases.
- 6. Carefully remove the aqueous (upper) phase without disturbing the lower phase, and transfer it to a new tube. Note the volume removed.

Final small RNAs isolation

- Preheat Elute Solution to 95° C.
- ✤ Put 100% ethanol at RT.
- 7. Add 1/3 volume of 100% ethanol to the aqueous phase collected. Mix thoroughly by vortexing.
- Pipet the lysate/ethanol mixture onto a filter cartridge placed on a collection tube. (up to 700 µl can be applied at a time) Centrifuge at 10,000 ×g (usually 10,000 rpm) for 15 sec to pass the mixture through the filter. Transfer the flow-through to a fresh tube and repeat pipetting and centrifuging for excessive mixture.
- 9. Pool the collected filtrate. Note the total volume of flow-through.
- 10. Add 2/3 volume RT 100% ethanol to filtrate and mix thoroughly.
- 11. Pipet the filtrate /ethanol mixture onto a second filter (up to 700 μl can be applied at a time) and centrifuge at 10,000 ×g (usually 10,000 rpm) for 15 sec to pass the mixture through the filter. Discard the flow-through and repeat pipetting and centrifuging for excessive mixture.
- 12. Apply 700 µl miRNA Wash Solution 1 to the Filter Cartridge and centrifuge for 5-10 sec. Discard the flow-through and replace the Filter Cartridge into the same collection tube.
- 13. Apply 500 μl Wash Solution 2/3 and centrifuge for 5-10 sec and discard the flowthrough. Repeat once with a second 500 μl Wash Solution 2/3.
- 14. After discarding the flow-through, spin the Filter Cartridge on collection tube for 1 min to remove residual fluid from the filter.

15. Transfer the Filter Cartridge into a fresh Collection tube. Apply 100 μl of preheated 95^oC Elution Solution to the center of the filter, close the cap and spin at maximum speed for 20-30 sec to elute the RNA. Keep the RNA at -80^oC.

Protocol B: PCR

1. In a clean tube on ice, combine PCR reagents to a 25 µl final volume.

	For each 25 µl
	reaction
Water, RNase-free	µI
PCR Buffer (10X)	2.5 μl
PCR Nucleotide Mix	0.5 μl
(10mM)	
Taq DNA polymerase	0.5 μl
(50X)	
template	µI
Forward primer (10 µM)	1 μI (0.4 μM final
	conc.)
Reverse primer (10 µM)	1 μI (0.4 μM final
	conc.)
Total	25 µl

Mix contents of tube by vortexing, collect contents at bottom of tube and store on ice.

2. Thermal cycle

Initial denaturation	95°C	3 min
For cycle 40 or more		
Denaturation	95°C	30 sec
Denatoration	55°C	30 sec
Annealing	72°C	1 min (or 1 or 2
Extension		min/kb)
Final extension	72°C	3 min
Hold	4°C	

3. Evaluating PCR product on 1.2 % agarose gel.

Protocol C: RT to synthesize cDNA (for 25 µl cDNA product)

 In the first tube, mix RNA and reverse primer well by votexing at half speed for several sec, spin the tubes in a microcentrifuge at 4°C and keep on ice. (total 10µl)

	RNA (µl)	Random Primer (50	Water (µI)
		μM, μl)	
For RNA	μl (=1 μg)	1	µl (= 9– RNA volume)

- 2. Heat RNA/primer mixture at 75°C for 5 min and cool on ice for 5 min.
- 3. Make master mix from the following items:

	each	Total
	sample	(µl) x
	(µl)	
water	6.75	
RT buffer (5X)	5	
PCR nucleotide mix	1.25	
(10mM)		
RNase inhibitor (4	1	
units/µl)		
M-MLV RT (25X)	1	
Total	15	

Mix contents of tube by votexing, keep on ice 5 min, vortex again, spin the tubes and keep on ice.

- 4. Add $15 \,\mu$ l mixtures from step 3 into the first tube on ice.
- 5. Design a thermal cycler program

Step 42^oC, 30 min 1

Step 95°C, 5 min

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Step 4°C for storage until removal from the thermal cycler

- 3
- Dilute 25 μl RT products (cDNA) 10 times and use 10 μl diluted cDNA as template in PCR. Aliquot the leftover and keep in -20⁰C freezer.

Protocol D: PCR product purification by Montage PCR Centrifugal Filter Devices (Millipore, p36461)

- 1. Insert the Montage PCR sample reservoir into one of the two vials provided.
- 2. Pipette 300 µl distilled water or TE buffer into sample reservoir without touching the membrane. Add 100 µl PCR reaction to the reservoir. Seal with attached cap.
- 3. Place assembly in a compatible centrifuge and counter-balance with a similar device.
- 4. Spin the Montage PCR unit at 1000 ×g for 15 min. (no longer than 15 min and no greater than 1000 ×g)

- 5. Remove assembly from centrifuge. Separate vial from sample reservoir. Save filtrate.
- Place sample reservoir upright into a clean vial and add 20 µl distilled water or TE buffer carefully to the purple end of the reservoir. Avoid touching the membrane surface.
- 7. Invert the reservoir into a clean vial and spin at 1000 ×g for 2 min.

Protocol E: Extraction and purification of DNA from gel using QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit

- > All centrifugation are carried out at 17,900× (13,000rpm) at RT.
- > Add 100% ethanol to Buffer PE before use.
- > The yellow color of Buffer QG indicates a pH≤7.5.

Procedure

- 1. Excise the DNA fragment from the agarose gel with a clean, sharp scapel.
- 2. Weigh the gel slice in a colorless tube. Add 3 volumes of Buffer QG to 1 volume of gel (100mg=100 μ l).
- 3. Incubate at 50°C for 10 min (or until the gel slice has completely dissolved). Vortex the tube every 2-3 min to mix during the incubation.
- After the gel slice has dissolved completely, check that the color of the mixture is yellow (similar to Buffer QC without dissolved agarose).
 If the color of the mixture is orange or violet, add 10 µl of 3 M sodium acetate, pH5.0. the color of the mixture will turn to yellow.
- 5. Add 1 gel volume of isopropanol to the sample and mix. Do not centrifuge the sample at this stage.
- 6. Place a QIAquick spin column in a provided 2 ml collection tube.
- Apply the sample to the QIAquick column and centrifuge for 1 min. The maximum volume of the column reservoir is 800 µl. for the sample volumes of more than 800 µl, simply load and spin again.
- 8. Discard flow-through and place QIAquick column back in the same collection tube.
- 9. Add 0.5 ml of Buffer QC to QIAquick column and centrifuge for 1 min to completely remove agarose traces. Discard the flow-through.
- 10. Add 0.75 ml of Buffer PE to QIAquick column, let it stand for 2-5 min, and centrifuge for 1 min.
- 11. Discard the flow-through and centrifuge the QIAquick column for an additional 1 min at 17,900 ×g.
- 12. Place QIAquick column into a clean 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
- 13. Add 50 µl of water to the center of the QIAquick membrane, stand for 1 min, and centrifuge the column for 1 min.
- 14. Detect concentration by nanodrop and keep purified DNA at -20°C.

Statistical and Bioinformatics Analysis

Detailed protocols for data analysis and documentation of the sensitivity, reproducibility, and other aspects of the quantitative statistical microarray analysis using Affymetrix technology have been reported previously (2-6). Forty to sixty percent of the surveyed genes were called present by Affymetrix Microarray Suite version 5.0 software in these experiments. The concordance analysis of differential gene expression across the data sets was performed using Affymetrix MicroDB version 3.0 and DMT version 3.0 software as described previously (2-6). We processed the microarray data using the Affymetrix Microarray Suite version 5.0 software and performed statistical analysis of the expression data set using the Affymetrix MicroDB and Affymetrix DMT software. The Pearson correlation coefficient for individual test samples and the appropriate reference standard were determined using GraphPad Prism version 4.00 software (GraphPad Software). We calculated the significance of the overlap between the lists of differentially-regulated genes by using the hypergeometric distribution test (9).

We analyzed expression profiling data of 697 clinical samples obtained from 185 control subjects and 350 patients diagnosed with 9 common human disorders (Table 16), including Crohn's disease (59 patients), ulcerative colitis (26 patients), rheumatoid arthritis (20 patients), Huntington's disease (17 patients), autism (15 patients), Alzheimer's disease (36 patients), obesity (14 subjects), prostate cancer (64 patients), and breast cancers (99 patients). Microarray data and associated clinical information are available in Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/) using the following accession numbers: GDS2601; GDS810; GDS2824; GDS1615; GDS711; GDS1480; GDS2545; GDS1331; GDS1407;

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Supplemental Figure legends

Supplemental Figure S1. Identification and characterization of intergenic SNP-RNAs containing SNPs associated with increased risk of developing 21 common human disorders.

A, Majority of disease-linked SNPs identified to date in GWAS is located within introns (29%) or non-genic (39%) regions of human genomes which have no direct relations to known protein-coding sequences, microRNAs, or lincRNA genes.

B, Genome-wide chromosome position mapping of identified in this study SNP-RNAs containing SNPs with documented associations with 21 common human disorders.

C, D. Panels C and D show sequence alignments of 14 evolutionary conserved human SNP-RNAs and corresponding sequences of the mouse genome. Positions of disease-linked SNP nucleotides in human SNP-RNA sequences are underlined.

Supplemental Figure S2. Chromatin state map analysis of genomic sequences encoding evolutionary conserved transRNAs reveals a consensus chromatin domain signature comprising histone H3K27Me3, CBP/CREB, EZH2, and POL2 proteins. Chromatin state maps of corresponding human and mouse genome sequences are visualized using the custom tracks of the UCSC Genome Browser. Color-coded horizontal lines depict alignments of DNA sequences derived from Chip-Seq experiments using antibodies against corresponding proteins. Each color-coded horizontal line represents data from independent biological replicates. Note nearly ubiquitous alignments of the evolutionary-conserved transRNA-encoding sequences within binding sites of the histone H3K27Me3, CBP/CREB, EZH2, and POL2 proteins. Positions of disease-linked SNP nucleotides within transRNA-encoding sequences are indicated by arrows and vertical lines. Original experiments describing the corresponding mouse and human genome-wide chromatin state maps were reported elsewhere (5, 6).

Supplemental Figure S3. Chromatin state map analysis of genomic sequences encoding non-conserved human transRNAs reveals a consensus chromatin domain signature comprising histone H3K27Me3 and EZH2 proteins. Chromatin state maps of individual transRNA-encoding genomic sequences in human embryonic stem cells are visualized using the custom tracks of the UCSC Genome Browser. Color-coded horizontal lines depict alignments of DNA sequences derived from Chip-Seq experiments using antibodies against corresponding proteins. Individual zoom-in chromatin state maps aligned to corresponding transRNA-encoding sequences are shown in groups segregated according to phenotypes associated with the corresponding disease-linked SNPs. Chromatin state maps of extended genomic segments are shown when multiple disease-linked SNPs were identified within continuous genomic regions (size of ~100 kb or less) in addition to individual zoom-in chromatin state maps aligned to corresponding transRNA-encoding sequences. Each color-coded horizontal line represents data from independent biological replicates. Note nearly ubiquitous alignments of the positions of disease-linked SNP nucleotides within binding sites of the histone H3K27Me3 and Polycomb proteins (EZH2 and/or RING1B).

Positions of disease-linked SNP nucleotides within transRNA-encoding sequences are indicated by vertical lines. Original experiments describing the corresponding mouse and human genome-wide chromatin state maps were reported elsewhere (6).

Supplemental Figure S4. Chromatin State Signatures of 43 IDAGL defined by ENCODE data and visualized using UCSC Genome Browser (<u>http://genome.ucsc.edu/ENCODE/</u>).

Supplemental Figure S5. Examples of allele-specific secondary structures of identified to date disease-associated transRNAs. Arrows indicate the positions of nucleotides variations which are associated with increased risk of developing corresponding disorders. Note that disease-linked SNPs are often located within the loop structures of transRNAs and transRNAs containing SNP variants have distinct secondary structures. Note that loop sequences of many identified to date SNP sequence-bearing intergenic and intronic transRNAs have 8-11 nt segments (which include SNP nucleotides) identical to primary sequences of microRNAs, which suggest that one of the mechanisms of transRNA bioactivity may be associated with modulation of the biogenesis and functions of selected microRNAs (11-17). Bottom right panel shows alignments of the microRNA target sites in human PC-susceptibility transRNA A21. Individual human microRNAs (short horizontal bars) aligned along the A21 transRNA sequence according to the positions of respective target sites. Single vertical bar marks the position of PC-predisposition SNP. Note that a vast majority of microRNA target sites segregates to the A21 transRNA segment around PC-predisposition SNP and includes SNP nucleotide.

Supplemental Figure S6. Allele-specific effects of *NALP1*-locus transRNAs on expression of distinct classes of non-coding RNAs in human cells.

A, Microarray analysis of human BJ1 cells engineered to stably express distinct allelic variants of the *NALP1*-locus transRNAs reveals allele-specific alterations of expression levels of multiple distinct classes of non-coding RNAs which include snoRNAs and snoRNA-host genes (*SNORD113; SNHG1; SNHG3; SNHG8*), long non-coding RNAs (*MEG3, tncRNA,* and *MALAT1*), microRNAs, microRNA-precursors, and protein-coding microRNA-host genes (*ATAD2; KIAA1199*). Note that changes of expression of intron-residing microRNAs miR-548d (intron of the *ATAD2* gene) and miR-549 (intron of the *KIAA1199* gene) are in good correspondence with allele-specific expression levels of corresponding microRNA-host genes which suggest a coordinated mechanism of regulation.

B, ABI PCR-based screen identifies a statistically significant set of 36 microRNAs expression of which is altered at least 1.5-fold in *NALP1*-locus transRNA-expressing cells compared to control BJ1/EGFP cells and differentially regulated in pathology-linked G-allele-expressing BJ1 cells compared to the ancestral A-allele-expressing cells. Note that 18 of 36 (50%) of these microRNAs are derived from the single microRNA cluster on ~ 200 kb continuous region of 14q32 band of chromosome 14, which suggest that 14q32 cluster microRNAs may be primary molecular targets of the *NALP1*-locus transRNAs.

Supplemental Figure S7. Sequence homology profiling of *NALP1*-locus transRNAs and transRNA-regulated microRNAs and long non-coding RNAs identifies extensive sequence homology/complementarity features.

A, Genomic location (top left figure), secondary structures of 152 nt (bottom left figure) and 52 nt (top right figure) transRNA molecules, and position of the microRNA-target sites along the 152 nt transRNA sequence (bottom right figure) of *NALP1*-locus transRNAs containing SNP rs2670660.

B, Visualization of individual microRNA-target sites within the *NALP1*-locus transRNA molecule. Note that all 36 *NALP1*-locus transRNA-regulated microRNAs (Figure 5, main text) have at least one potential target sites within 152 nt sequence of the *NLAP1*-locus transRNA molecule and many microRNA target sites manifest allele-associated changes of the minimal free energy (mfe) transRNA/microRNA hybridization. C, D, microRNAs which are differentially regulated in BJ1 cells expressing distinct allelic

variants of the *NALP1*-locus transRNAs share multiple sequence identity segments of at least 11 nucleotides in length with sequences of transRNA-regulated *MEG3* (C) and *MALAT1* (D) long non-coding RNAs.

Supplemental Figure S8. Allele affinity model of transRNA-mediated regulation of microRNA expression and activity. A-C, high affinity (low mfe) transRNA alleles facilitate increase abundance levels of corresponding microRNAs. Inverse correlation between allele-specific changes in minimal free energy (mfe) of transRNA/microRNA hybridization and experimentally-defined changes of microRNA expression and activity that is lower mfe values correspond to higher levels of microRNA expression and activity. These relationships are shown for microRNAs the abundance levels of which in human cells are induced (miR-302a; miR-629; miR-548d; miR-200a; miR-627; miR-770-5p) or repressed (miR-133a; miR-20b; miR-205; let-7b) by forced expression of pathology-linked G-allele transRNAs compared to ancestral A-allele-expressing cells. Insert bars show the results Q-PCR analysis of expression of corresponding microRNAs.

D, Luciferase reporter assay of miR-205 and let-7b activities in early-passage RWPE1 cells stably expressing distinct allelic variants of the NALP1-locus transRNAs demonstrates increased activity of both microRNAs in high affinity ancestral A-allele-expressing cells compared to low affinity pathology-linked G-allele-expressing cells. E, Application of the allele affinity model of transRNA-mediated regulation of microRNA expression and activity to development of the allele equilibrium hypothesis explaining the phenotype-altering effects of transRNAs as the consequence of direct actions on microRNAs abundance and activity and down-stream effects of transRNA-regulated microRNAs on expression of protein-coding genes.

Supplemental Figure S9. Forced expression of transRNA-regulated microRNAs recapitulates transRNA-induced epigenetic and phenotypic features in human cells. A-E, Epigenetic regulatory "cross-talk" between *NALP1*-locus transRNAs and poto-oncogenic cancer-susceptibility transRNAs and altered expression profiles of cancer susceptibility transRNAs in human cell lines engineered to express selected transRNA-regulated "stemness" microRNAs.

Panels A-D show the results of validation experiments confirming the specificity of expression of selected microRNAs in GFP-tagged cell lines genetically engineered to stably over-express individual microRNAs or desired combinations of 2 or 3 microRNAs of interest using microarray (A) or Q-RT-PCR (B-D) methods. These cell lines are utilized in experiments designed to determine whether selected microRNAs are essential integral components of transRNA regulatory networks.

E. Distinct expression profiles of transRNA-regulated microRNAs and 6 breast cancer (BC)-susceptibility transRNAs (top-right) and 11 prostate cancer (PC)susceptibility transRNAs (bottom-left) in human cells. Top left panels of bars show the results of the Q-RT-PCR experiments validating increased expression of miR-375, miR-20b, and miR-205 microRNAs in human cells stably expressing ancestral A-allele NALP1-locus transRNAs compared to the pathology-linked G-allele-expressing cells. Forced expression of NALP1-locus transRNAs erases epigenetic transcriptional memory of mesenchymal BJ1 cells and induces expression of multiple proto-oncogenic transRNAs (red circles). Bottom gels show expression patterns of cancer-susceptibility transRNAs in BJ1 cells genetically engineered to over-express selected transRNAregulated microRNAs such as the individual "stemness" microRNAs (miR-205; miR-375; miR-20b) or desired combinations of "stemness" microRNAs. Note that increased expression of 8 cancer susceptibility transRNAs marked in boxes (A7; A8; A11; A18; A21; B5; B6; B7) induced by selected transRNA-regulated "stemness" microRNAs recapitulates the pattern of increased expression induced by NALP1-locus autoimmunity transRNAs.

Bottom right figure shows hierarchical clustering of transRNA expression profiling data. Note that expression of selected transRNA-regulated "stemness" microRNAs induces expression patterns of cancer-susceptibility transRNAs in mesenchymal BJ1 cells which recapitulate transRNA expression profiles in epithelial cells, RWPE1 and HME1, and BJ1 cells engineered to stably express *NALP1*-locus transRNA A-allele (BJ1_2 cells).

F, Forced expression of selected transRNA-regulated microRNAs recapitulate transRNA-induced phenotypic changes in human cells. Note that the increased clonogenic growth potential which is conferred by stable expression of the ancestral A-allele compared to the pathology-linked G-allele (ref. 4 and two far left bars in the bottom panel) is recapitulated by stable expression of the A-allele-induced microRNAs, miR-205 and miR-20b. Average values of triplicate measurements of biological replicates normalized to control values obtained for BJ1/EGFP cells are shown. Top figures show typical colony staining patterns of one of the experiments.

Supplemental Figure S10. Identification of "stemness" microRNA signatures in bloodborne human prostate carcinoma (PC) metastasis precursor cells (Xp11; 4q21 clone in panels A; C), clinical PC samples (B; H), human PC cell lines selected for increased malignant potential in vivo (F; G), and normal human BJ cells engineered to constitutively express *NALP1*-locus autoimmunity transRNAs (Figure 1, main text). Genome-wide micro-RNA expression profiles for indicated cell lines, clinical samples, and human embryonic cell lines (hESC; panels A; B; H) were obtained using microarray, Q-RT-PCR, and high-throughput sequencing technologies and utilized to identify "stemness" micro-RNA signatures. Common sets of top-ranked up-regulated "stemness" micro-RNAs (arrows) were identified for multiple pair-wise comparisons using hESC expression profiles as multidimensional reference vectors (1). Using this strategy, miR-20b, miR-375, miR-205, and miR-486 were selected for functional validation experiments (1). Panel D shows the results of luciferase reporter assay for assessment of miR-205 activity. Note that miR-205 activity is significantly higher in triple-transfected cells (miR-205; miR-375; miR-20b) compared to single-transfected cells (miR-205) despite having similar levels of miR-205 expression. Consistent with the proposed role in promoting malignant features of normal prostate epithelial cells, *NALP1*-locus SNP-RNA-regulated 'stemness' microRNAs enhance colony formation ability in agar of RWPE1 normal prostate epithelial cells (I).



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Supplemental Figure S4

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Figure S10.

Expression of NALP1-locus SNP-RNAregulated "stemness" microRNA in human prostate cancer





